**EYE CARE**

**THE FACTS**

253 million people are visually impaired
- 81% of people are aged 50 years and over

84% of visual impairment results from chronic eye diseases

**CONSEQUENCES OF VISUAL IMPAIRMENT**

- 3x more likely to be unemployed
- 3x more likely to be involved in a motor vehicle collision
- 3x more likely to suffer from depression and anxiety disorders
- 2x more likely to have a fall while walking

**OPPORTUNITIES & ACTION**

- Assess the availability of eye care services
- Identify needs and gaps
- Provide high-quality and affordable eye care services to all
- Educate about the importance of regular eye exams
- Inform people about eye disease prevention and care
- US$102 billion could be saved with appropriate eye care services
- 1.4 million children could benefit from vision rehabilitation
- 81% of visual impairment could be avoided if diagnosed and treated early

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